

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

In the Application

Applicants have amended the specification in view of the comments of the Examiner.

In the Drawings

Applicants have amended Figure 6 in view of the comments of the Examiner.

Disposition of the Claims:

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Tivoli Secure Way Policy Director For Operating Systems Administration Guide Version 3 Release 7. Applicants respectfully traverse the examiner's assertions. Tivoli is a division of IBM, which is the same assignee of the present application. The cited reference merely documents the inventors' own invention. Records of the assignee show that there were two release dates for the cited reference; November 7, 2000 and January 23, 2001. Further, the reference only displays a copyright notice of 2000. This fact does not indicate the exact date of the publication. The copyright notice is not evidence of a publication date. In addition, the present invention was submitted for internal review and preparation of the patent application prior to these release dates.

As the examiner cited, 35 U.S.C. 102(a) requires that the invention was known or used by others in this country. Applicants submit that the present invention was not known or used by others before conception of the present invention. Further, Applicants submit that the invention did not appear in a printed publication prior the invention by the applicants.

Applicants have also filed with this response a terminal disclaimer to address the examiner's double patenting rejection.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,



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